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Robert Steele 1055 North 400 East Nephi, Utah 84648

Subject: Response to Bond Release Inquiry, Robert Steele, Hi-Cal Mine, M/023/0071, Juab

County, Utah

Dear Mr. Steele:

During the December 3, 2009, informal conference regarding the Gardner Canyon Mine, you asked about the status of the bond release for the HiCal #1 mine (M/023/0071). We have reviewed our files and were not able to find a request for bond release.

If you desire to pursue bond release for this site, please file form MR-SITE which is available on the Division's web site at https://fs.ogm.utah.gov/pub/mines/minerals_related/forms/MR-SITE.pdf. Once we receive this application, we will proceed with the bond release process which involves an inspection to determine if the earthwork has been completed and that the site is safe and stable. We will also need to receive concurrence from the Bureau of Land Management before releasing any of the surety.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please call me at 801-538-5261 or Wayne Western at 801-538-5263. In reply, <u>please refer to file number M/023/0071</u>. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Paul B. Baker

Minerals Program Manager

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cc: Jerry Mansfield@BLM.gov

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